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Log No: 1047853 Type:CR

Accused Members

Review Name	Status	Accused Overall Finding	Recommended Penalty	No. of Days	Date/Time Served	Created Date	Complimentary History
View PANEK, SHERYL	CLOSED/FINAL	SUSTAINED	REPRIMAND	-	-	19-AUG-2011	View

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Attachments

No.	Type	Related Person	No. of Pages	Narrative	Original in File	Entered By	Entered Date/Time	Status	Approve Content?	Approve Inclusion?
View 1	FACE SHEET	N/A	-	-	-	STEWART, DENISE	AUG-19-2011 15:40	-	-	-
View 2	CONFLICT CERTIFICATION	N/A	-	-	-	SERIO, ALEXIS	AUG-24-2011 15:12	-	-	-
View 3	CONFLICT CERTIFICATION	N/A	-	-	-	COSEY, ROBERT	AUG-25-2011 15:35	-	-	-
View 4	CONSENT FOR AUDIO RECORDED INTERVIEW	N/A	1	[REDACTED]	-	BROWN, DANITA	MAR-23-2012 09:17	APPROVED	-	YES
View 5	AUDIO INTERVIEW	N/A	1	[REDACTED]	YES	COSEY, ROBERT	AUG-25-2011 16:21	APPROVED	-	YES
View 6	SWORN AFFIDAVIT FROM COMPLAINANT	N/A	1	[REDACTED]	-	BROWN, DANITA	MAR-23-2012 09:17	APPROVED	-	YES
View 7	PHOTO IDENTIFICATION	N/A	1	[REDACTED]	-	BROWN, DANITA	MAR-23-2012 09:18	APPROVED	-	YES
View 8	REPORT (OTHER)	N/A	1	A HAND WRITTEN NOTE	-	BROWN, DANITA	MAR-23-2012 09:19	APPROVED	-	YES
View 9	TO/FROM REPORT	N/A	2	OUTLINE OF DIGITAL RECORDING FOR VICTIM SUMMARIZATION OF AUDIO INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]	YES	COSEY, ROBERT	JUL-20-2012 14:04	APPROVED	-	YES
View 10	TO/FROM REPORT	N/A	2	COMPUTERIZE DATA INFORMATION SEARCH	YES	BROWN, DANITA	MAR-23-2012 09:21	APPROVED	-	YES
View 11	REPORT (OTHER)	N/A	1	LETTER TO - [REDACTED]	-	BROWN, DANITA	MAR-23-2012 09:23	APPROVED	-	YES
View 12	TO/FROM REPORT	N/A	49	REQUEST FOR HOT DESK LOG SEARCH- 1047853	-	BROWN, DANITA	JUL-13-2012 12:18	APPROVED	-	YES
View 13	REPORT (OTHER)	N/A	1	REQUEST FOR RECORDS: SR#11-03626571 & SR#12-00151688	-	BROWN, DANITA	JUL-13-2012 12:20	APPROVED	-	YES
View 14	REPORT (OTHER)	N/A	3	SERVICE REQUEST SUMMARY REPORTS #11-03626571; #12-00151688	YES	COSEY, ROBERT	NOV-14-2012 10:43	APPROVED	-	YES

View	15	CONSENT FOR AUDIO RECORDED INTERVIEW	N/A	1	[REDACTED]	-	BROWN, DANITA	JUL-13-2012 12:23	APPROVED -	YES
View	16	SWORN AFFIDAVIT FROM COMPLAINANT	N/A	1	[REDACTED]	-	BROWN, DANITA	JUL-13-2012 12:23	APPROVED -	YES
View	17	PHOTO IDENTIFICATION	N/A	1	[REDACTED]	-	BROWN, DANITA	JUL-13-2012 12:24	APPROVED -	YES
View	18	AUDIO INTERVIEW	N/A	1	[REDACTED] (Spanish Speaking)	YES	COSEY, ROBERT	JUL-12-2012 16:47	APPROVED -	YES
View	19	CONSENT FOR AUDIO RECORDED INTERVIEW	N/A	1	[REDACTED]	-	BROWN, DANITA	JUL-13-2012 12:24	APPROVED -	YES
View	20	SWORN AFFIDAVIT FROM COMPLAINANT	N/A	1	[REDACTED]	-	BROWN, DANITA	JUL-13-2012 12:25	APPROVED -	YES
View	21	PHOTO IDENTIFICATION	N/A	1	[REDACTED]	-	BROWN, DANITA	JUL-13-2012 12:25	APPROVED -	YES
View	22	AUDIO INTERVIEW	N/A	1	[REDACTED]	YES	COSEY, ROBERT	JUL-12-2012 16:49	APPROVED -	YES
View	23	TO/FROM REPORT	N/A	2	OUTLINE OF DIGITAL RECORDING FOR VICTIM, [REDACTED]	-	BROWN, DANITA	JUL-13-2012 12:26	APPROVED -	YES
View	24	TO/FROM REPORT	N/A	1	SUMMARIZATION OF DIGITAL RECORDING FOR COMPLAINANT/VICTIM [REDACTED]	-	BROWN, DANITA	JUL-13-2012 12:27	APPROVED -	YES
View	25	REPORT (OTHER)	N/A	9	STATEMENT OF [REDACTED]	-	BROWN, DANITA	JUL-13-2012 12:28	APPROVED -	YES
View	26	REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW/STATEMENT/REPORT	N/A	1	SHERYL PANEK #7259	-	BROWN, DANITA	JUL-13-2012 12:30	APPROVED -	YES
View	27	TO/FROM REPORT	N/A	1	ATTEMPT TO SERVE ALLEGATIONS/CHARGES	-	BROWN, DANITA	JUL-20-2012 15:57	APPROVED -	YES
View	28	NOTIFICATION OF CHARGES/ALLEGATIONS	N/A	1	PANEK #16264	-	BROWN, DANITA	JUL-20-2012 15:58	APPROVED -	YES
View	29	ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RIGHTS	N/A	1	PANEK #7259	-	BROWN, DANITA	JUL-20-2012 15:58	APPROVED -	YES
View	30	WAIVER OF COUNSEL/REQUEST TO SECURE COUNSEL	N/A	1	PANEK #7259	-	BROWN, DANITA	JUL-20-2012 15:59	APPROVED -	YES
View	31	REPORT (OTHER)	N/A	1	QUESTIONNAIRE PANEK #7259	-	BROWN, DANITA	JUL-20-2012 15:59	APPROVED -	YES
View	32	ACCUSED REPORT	N/A	2	PANEK #7259	-	BROWN, DANITA	JUL-20-2012 16:00	APPROVED -	YES
View	33	REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW/STATEMENT/REPORT	N/A	1	SHERYL PANEK #7259	-	BROWN, DANITA	MAR-08-2013 09:29	APPROVED -	YES
View	34	REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW/STATEMENT/REPORT	N/A	2	SHERYL PANEK #7259	-	BROWN, DANITA	MAR-08-2013 09:29	APPROVED -	YES
View	35	NOTIFICATION OF CHARGES/ALLEGATIONS	N/A	2	SHERYL PANEK #7259	-	BROWN, DANITA	MAR-08-2013 09:30	APPROVED -	YES
View	36	ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS RIGHTS	N/A	1	SHERYL PANEK #7259	-	BROWN, DANITA	MAR-08-2013 09:31	APPROVED -	YES
View	37	WAIVER OF COUNSEL/REQUEST TO SECURE COUNSEL	N/A	1	SHERYL PANEK #7259	-	BROWN, DANITA	MAR-08-2013 09:31	APPROVED -	YES
View	38	AUDIO INTERVIEW	N/A	1	PO Sheryl Panek	YES	COSEY, ROBERT	MAR-07-2013 15:54	APPROVED -	YES
View	39	GENERAL OFFENSE CASE REPORT	N/A	1	RD# HR-156327	-	BROWN, DANITA	MAR-08-2013 09:32	APPROVED -	YES
View	40	REPORT (OTHER)	N/A	20	STATEMENT OF	-	BROWN, DANITA	MAR-08-	APPROVED -	YES

				OFFICER SHERYL PANЕК		DANITA	2013 09:33		
View	41	INVESTIGATOR CASE LOG	N/A	2	-	YES	COSEY, ROBERT	MAR-11- 2013 12:33	APPROVED - YES
View	42	REPORT (OTHER)	N/A	1	Letter to PO Panek from IPRA General Counsel Muellenbach	YES	COSEY, ROBERT	AUG-26- 2013 11:30	APPROVED - YES
View	43	REPORT (OTHER)	N/A	1	Email notification that PO Panek has failed to respond to request for mediation	YES	COSEY, ROBERT	AUG-26- 2013 11:31	APPROVED - YES
View	44	CONFLICT CERTIFICATION	N/A	1	-	YES	COSEY, ROBERT	AUG-26- 2013 14:06	APPROVED - YES
View	45	CONFLICT CERTIFICATION	N/A	1	Sup. Serio	NO	SERIO, ALEXIS	APR-12- 2015 11:16	APPROVED - YES
View	46	TO/FROM REPORT	N/A	1	Request for Unit Assignments	NO	SERIO, ALEXIS	APR-12- 2015 11:17	APPROVED - YES
View	47	REPORT (OTHER)	N/A	6	Unit of Assignments for POs Panek, Sanchez, Martin, Susa, Lisowski, & Mysliwiec	NO	SERIO, ALEXIS	APR-12- 2015 11:21	APPROVED - YES
View	48	REPORT (OTHER)	N/A	1	Service Calls Search, 5127 W Berenice, 01 Jan 12 to 26 Mar 15	NO	SERIO, ALEXIS	APR-12- 2015 11:23	APPROVED - YES
View	49	REPORT (OTHER)	N/A	1	Service Call Search Event No. 1329410165	NO	SERIO, ALEXIS	APR-12- 2015 11:24	APPROVED - YES
View	50	INVESTIGATOR CASE LOG	N/A	2	Inv. Morley Log	NO	SERIO, ALEXIS	APR-12- 2015 11:24	APPROVED - YES
View	-	SUMMARY REPORT	N/A	7	Summary Report by Inv. Robert Cosey	NO	ANDO, SCOTT	APR-22- 2015 17:53	APPROVED - YES
View	-	DISCIPLINARY HISTORY	N/A	2	-	NO	ANDO, SCOTT	APR-22- 2015 17:52	APPROVED - YES
View	-	REPORT (OTHER)	ACCUSED - PANЕК, SHERYL	2	REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF DISCIPLINE-PO Panek accepted penalty	NO	MCGHEE, CYNTHIA	OCT-27- 2015 17:26	APPROVED - YES

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No Related Incidents associated with this Log No.

Status History☒ **TIP** Every employee included in the Status History is subject to be called for legal or administrative proceedings.

Resulting Status	Status Date/Time	Created By	Position	Employee No.	Assigned/ Detailed Unit	Comments
CLOSED/FINAL	10-NOV- 2015 15:24	MCGHEE, CYNTHIA	CLERK 3	██████	113 / -	-
PENDING IMPLEMENT ACTION	27-OCT- 2015 17:27	MCGHEE, CYNTHIA	CLERK 3	██████	113 / -	-
PENDING REVIEW AFTER SUPERINTENDENT DECISION	24-JUL- 2015 15:33	ROUSSELL, JAMES	SUPT'S CHIEF OF STAFF	██████	111 / -	-
PENDING SUPERINTENDENT DECISION	08-JUL- 2015 13:53	ANDREWS, CONSTANTI	DEP CHIEF	██████	213 / -	-
PENDING COMMAND CHANNEL REVIEW	07-JUL- 2015 15:38	VOULGARIS, ELIAS	COMMANDER	██████	142 / 017	-
PENDING COMMAND CHANNEL REVIEW	04-MAY- 2015 13:41	MUZUPAPPA, PHYLLIS	SERGEANT OF POLICE	██████	121 / -	-

PENDING ADVOCATE REVIEW	30-APR-2015 13:12	LANE, MARIE	POLICE AGENT	██████	121 / -	-
PENDING REVIEW INCIDENT (I.A.D./DISTRICT USE)	27-APR-2015 15:04	HAZBIC, AMRA	CLERK 3	██████	113 / -	-
CLOSED AT C.O.P.A.	27-APR-2015 15:00	HAZBIC, AMRA	CLERK 3	██████	113 / -	-
PENDING REVIEW INCIDENT (C.O.P.A. USE ONLY)	22-APR-2015 17:54	ANDO, SCOTT	ADMIN. IN CHARGE COPA	██████	113 / -	-
PENDING CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR REVIEW	22-APR-2015 17:53	ANDO, SCOTT	ADMIN. IN CHARGE COPA	██████	113 / -	-
PENDING C.O.P.A. COORDINATOR REVIEW	12-APR-2015 12:46	SERIO, ALEXIS	SUPERVISING INV COPA	██████	113 / -	-
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PENDING INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW	09-APR-2015 12:01	COSEY, ROBERT	INVESTIGATOR 3 COPA	██████	113 / -	-
PENDING INVESTIGATION	08-APR-2015 11:48	ANDO, SCOTT	ADMIN. IN CHARGE COPA	██████	113 / -	-
PENDING CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR REVIEW	24-FEB-2015 00:40	WEEDEN, WILLIAM	DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR	██████	113 / -	-
PENDING C.O.P.A. COORDINATOR REVIEW	26-AUG-2013 14:27	FINNELL, ANTHONY	SUPERVISING INV COPA	██████	113 / -	-
PENDING INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW	26-AUG-2013 14:06	COSEY, ROBERT	INVESTIGATOR 3 COPA	██████	113 / -	-
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PENDING INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW	26-AUG-2013 11:35	COSEY, ROBERT	INVESTIGATOR 3 COPA	██████	113 / -	-
PENDING INVESTIGATION	22-APR-2013 11:14	SERIO, ALEXIS	SUPERVISING INV COPA	██████	113 / -	-
PENDING INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW	19-APR-2013 16:57	COSEY, ROBERT	INVESTIGATOR 3 COPA	██████	113 / -	-
PENDING INVESTIGATION	09-APR-2013 16:42	SERIO, ALEXIS	SUPERVISING INV COPA	██████	113 / -	-
PENDING INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW	14-MAR-2013 16:15	COSEY, ROBERT	INVESTIGATOR 3 COPA	██████	113 / -	-
PENDING INVESTIGATION	13-NOV-2012 15:44	SERIO, ALEXIS	SUPERVISING INV COPA	██████	113 / -	-
PENDING INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW	20-SEP-2012 12:11	COSEY, ROBERT	INVESTIGATOR 3 COPA	██████	113 / -	-
PENDING INVESTIGATION	24-AUG-2011 15:12	SERIO, ALEXIS	SUPERVISING INV COPA	██████	113 / -	-
PENDING ASSIGN INVESTIGATOR	22-AUG-2011 20:46	STOUTENBOROUGH, ANDREA	SUPERVISING INV COPA	██████	113 / -	Type Changed from INFO to CR on 22-AUG-2011 20:46 by STOUTENBOROUGH, ANDREA Affidavit information for this Log Number has changed on 22-AUG-2011 20:46 by STOUTENBOROUGH, ANDREA
PENDING ASSIGN TEAM	19-AUG-2011 17:03	DEAN, BRUCE	SUPERVISING INV COPA	██████	113 / -	-
PENDING SUPERVISOR REVIEW	19-AUG-2011 16:59	DEAN, BRUCE	SUPERVISING INV COPA	██████	113 / -	-
PRELIMINARY	19-AUG-2011 16:59	DEAN, BRUCE	SUPERVISING INV COPA	██████	113 / -	-

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PRELIMINARY	19-AUG-2011 16:49	DEAN, BRUCE	SUPERVISING INV COPA	113 / -	dob, languages
PENDING SUPERVISOR REVIEW	19-AUG-2011 16:22	STEWART, DENISE	INTAKE AIDE	113 / -	
PRELIMINARY	19-AUG-2011 15:40	STEWART, DENISE	INTAKE AIDE	113 / -	

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Command Channel Reviewers

Accused Name	Sequence No.	Reviewer
PANEK, SHERYL	1	VOULGARIS, ELIAS
PANEK, SHERYL	2	ANDREWS, CONSTANTIN

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User: [REDACTED]
Module: 15280 \$Revision: 1.252 \$

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SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST

CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

LOG NO
1047853TYPE
CRDATE OF REPORT
12-APR-2015

INSTRUCTIONS: To be used in all cases that are to be classified as either EXONERATED, UNFOUNDED, NOT SUSTAINED, NO AFFIDAVIT, or in SUSTAINED cases where the Disciplinary Recommendation does not exceed Five (5) DAYS SUSPENSION.

TO: CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR, INDEPENDENT POLICE REVIEW AUTHORITY



FROM - INVESTIGATOR'S NAME	RANK	STAR NO	EMPLOYEE NO	UNIT ASSIGNED	UNIT DETAILED
COSEY, ROBERT	9181			113	

REFERENCE NOS.(LIST ALL RELATED C.L., C.B., I.R., INVENTORY NOS., ETC., PERTINENT OF THIS INVESTIGATION)

INCIDENT ADDRESS: 5127 W. BERENICE AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60641	DATE / TIME: 19-AUG-2011 10:08	BEAT: 1634
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ACCUSED

NAME	RANK	STAR NO	EMP NO	UNIT ASSIGNED	UNIT DETAILED	SEX/RACE	DOB	APPOINTED DATE	ON DUTY ?	SWORN ?
PANEK, SHERYL L	9161	7259		017		F / WHI	1970	29-NOV-1999	NO	YES

REPORTING PARTY

NAME	ADDRESS*	CITY STATE	TELEPHONE	SEX / RACE	DOB / AGE
		CHICAGO, IL		M / WWW	1968 / 47

VICTIMS

NAME	ADDRESS*	CITY STATE	TELEPHONE	SEX / RACE	DOB / AGE
		CHICAGO, IL		M / WWW	1968 / 47
		CHICAGO, IL		F / WWW	1973 / 41
		CHICAGO, IL		F / WWW	1992 / 22

WITNESSES

NAME	ADDRESS*	CITY STATE	TELEPHONE	SEX / RACE	DOB / AGE
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* IF CPD MEMBER, LIST RANK, STAR, EMPLOYEE NOS. IN ADDRESS, PAX/BELL IN TELEPHONE BOX.

ALLEGATIONS

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SUMMARY

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ATTACHMENTS

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS -
SUPPORTING ALLEGATIONS LIST
ATTACHMENTS NUMBER

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS -
SUPPORTING ACCUSED MEMBERS(S)
LIST ATTACHMENTS NUMBER:

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
LIST ATTACHMENTS
NUMBERS:

TOTAL NUMBER OF
ATTACHMENTS SUBMITTED
WITH THIS FILE:

FINDINGS - RECOMMENDATIONS

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DATE INITIATED
(Date incident was received for investigation)

24-AUG-2011

DATE COMPLETED (Date of this report)

12-APR-2015

ELAPSED TIME
(Total time expressed in days)

1327

Investigator will initiate the Command Channel Review form by
completing the Investigator's Section.

INVESTIGATOR'S SIGNATURE

Robert J. Casey #111

IF NECESSARY, USE AN 8 1/2 x 11" SHEET OF WHITE PAPER TO CONTINUE ANY ITEM.

ALLEGATIONS:

On 19 August 2011, at approximately 1540 hours, the reporting party, [REDACTED] contacted the Independent Police Review Authority and registered this complaint with Intake Aid Denise Stewart. [REDACTED] alleged on 19 August 2011, at approximately 1000 hours, at 5127 W. Berenice Ave., the accused, **Officer Sheryl Panek, #7259**:

- 1) Verbally abused the victim, his daughter, [REDACTED] by calling her a "Fucking Mexican bitch."

It was further alleged that on unknown dates and times for a period of years accused Officer Sheryl Panek:

- 2) Verbally abused him by calling him and another family member a "Fucking Mexican" and "Stupid people."
- 3) Verbally abused him and his family by calling them "Mexican Immigrants."
- 4) Harassed him by threatening to have he and his family arrested, and
- 5) Harassed him by telling him that she has reported him to the City of Chicago Building Inspector numerous times.
- 6) It was alleged that on unknown dates and times, accused Officer Panek harassed [REDACTED] when she repeatedly flipped her middle finger at him.
- 7) It is alleged that on unknown dates and times, accused Officer Panek threatened to grab [REDACTED] sons by their necks if they ever go into her yard.
- 8) It is alleged that on unknown dates and times accused Officer Panek harassed [REDACTED] by inquiring whether or not she had a driver's license whenever she saw her sitting in the family car.
- 9) It is alleged that on an unknown date and time, accused Officer Panek was disrespectful toward [REDACTED] when she told her to "shut up."
- 10) It is further alleged that on 20 November 2008, Officer Panek used Chicago Police Department resources for personal gain.

INVESTIGATION:

In his **statement to the Independent Police Review Authority, the complainant,** [REDACTED] related to Investigator Hernandez, on the date and time in question, he heard his neighbor, a Chicago Police Officer, now known as Officer Sheryl Panek say to his nineteen year old daughter, Ms. [REDACTED] "Fucking Mexican bitch." [REDACTED] related he did not know the neighbor's name, but for three years she had threatened to have he and his family arrested for no reason. [REDACTED] related every time he sees the neighbor she flips her middle finger at him. She threatened to grab both of his sons, ages ten and twelve, by their necks, and has called he and his family, "Fucking Mexican," and "Stupid people." [REDACTED] related his neighbor stated to him she has power and could arrest him and his family. The neighbor also stated to him "All Mexicans don't have drivers licenses." [REDACTED] related his neighbor also accused him of having rats in his garage and has reported him to the City Building Inspector numerous times. [REDACTED] related this abuse has taken place against he and his family for approximately three years. (Att. #9)

In her **statement to the Independent Police Review Authority, the victim, Ms.** [REDACTED] related to investigator Neomi Hernandez, on 19 August 2011, she was outside of her home with her husband, [REDACTED] when her neighbor a White female, who is also a Chicago Police Officer, now known as Officer Panek, began to argue with them. [REDACTED] related she does not know what was said in this conversation as she does not understand the English language. [REDACTED] related for several years, [REDACTED] and the neighbor have argued. [REDACTED] related she and her daughter were once approached by the neighbor/officer who stated to her she did not have a license based on the fact that she is a Mexican. [REDACTED] could not recall anything further. (Att. #24)

In her **statement to the Independent Police Review Authority, the victim, Ms.** [REDACTED] related to Investigator Neomi Hernandez, on 19 August 2011, she thinks she was asleep during the incident because she was not present. [REDACTED] related her father is the one who would have information regarding the date of the incident. [REDACTED] related she recalled a separate incident when she was sitting in the car with her mother and the neighbor pulled up next to them in her squad car. The neighbor questioned [REDACTED] mother by asking her if she had a driver's license. [REDACTED] stated the neighbor, "asked my mother if she had a driver's license to which my mom said, no." [REDACTED] also responded for her mother, and the neighbor instructed her to keep her mouth shut or she would have her mother arrested. [REDACTED] related her mother was not arrested. (Att. #23)

A **Log Scan** search conducted by the Public Safety IT Division documented on 20 November 2008, at 0336 hours, Officer Panek conducted a name check on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] from the computer inside her squad car via PMDT 4303. (Att. 12)

A **Service Request Summary Report SR# 11-03626571** documents a neighbor, presumably Officer Panek, reported, on 19 August 2011, the residence located at 5127

W. Berenice Avenue had a garage that was infested with rats. Additionally, the City of Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation, Bureau of Rodent Control, conducted preventative baiting at the address of 5127 W. Berenice Avenue on 03 February 2012. (Att. 14)

General Offence Case Report RD# HR-156327 documents on 06 February 2009 complainant, Officer Panek had a verbal altercation with a 16 year old female with the last name [REDACTED] who stated to Officer Panek, "I'm going to fuck your house up."

There were no additional department reports, pods documented, injuries, or medical reports available regarding the alleged incident.

In her **To/From Subject Report**, the accused, **Officer Sheryl L. Panek #7259**, denied committing any of the allegations made against her by the members of the [REDACTED] family. Officer Panek reported she has had many conversations with the [REDACTED] family over being on her property, throwing garbage in her front and back yard, loud parties, profanity directed at her as she works in her front and back yards. Officer Panek reported she has complained to the [REDACTED] family and about family members spitting at her, allowing family members to live in their garage, and the [REDACTED] children playing soccer in her front yard while kicking ball at the front glass window. Officer Panek reported during her conversations with the [REDACTED] family she did not recall addressing them in a derogatory manner or addressing them as "fucking Mexicans," or "stupid people." Officer Panek also reported she had called the City of Chicago about the rat infestation under the garage of the [REDACTED] family and she has called the police about the [REDACTED] family throwing rat poison in her yard to poison her dogs. (Att. 32)

In a subsequent interview, on 10 January 2013 at approximately 1230 hours, accused **Officer Panek** was served with additional allegations. Officer Panek denied harassing [REDACTED] on unknown dates and times by flipping her middle finger at him. She acknowledged at one time or another, she complained to unidentified adults next door from the [REDACTED] residence at 5127 W Berenice Ave. about children ([REDACTED] sons) from the [REDACTED] residence playing soccer in her yard, but she denied making any threats that she would grab them by their necks. Officer Panek stated she does not know [REDACTED] and does not recall approaching her as she sat in a running vehicle to inquire as to whether or not she had a driver's license. Officer Panek does not recall ever threatening [REDACTED] about producing a driver's license. Officer Panek further stated she has observed several different persons from the [REDACTED] residence sitting in their vehicles warming up their vehicles but she has never approached any of them. Officer Panek does not recall any particular instance when an older female was seated in any vehicle with a female teenager. Officer Panek denied being disrespectful to any female next door by telling her to "shut up." When presented with evidence from a log scan inquiry that documented on 20 November 2008, Officer Panek accessed her squad car PDT and made a LEADS inquiry of [REDACTED] information, Officer Panek's explanation was, given the suspicious nature of her neighbors coming and goings, she was merely exercising her law enforcement concerns and her inquiry

through Department resources was not for personal gain. Officer Panek admitted she was not assigned by a superior to conduct an investigation regarding her neighbor. (Att. 40)

CONCLUSION:

The R/I recommends **Allegations #1-9** against accused **Officer Sheryl L. Panek, #7259**, be closed with a finding of **Not Sustained**. [REDACTED] could not provide a full account of the incident because she does not understand English and the verbal exchanges that took place between [REDACTED] and Officer Panek were in English. Additionally, Maria [REDACTED] account is not complete as she did not witness the majority of the allegations. Also, [REDACTED] is not a credible witness as she failed to mention that she has had a verbal altercation with Officer Panek in the past as documented by Case Report RD# HR-156327 in which she stated to Officer Panek, "I'm going to fuck your house up." Because there are no independent witnesses to support or refute the allegations made by [REDACTED] there is insufficient evidence prove or disprove these allegations.

The R/I recommends **Allegation #10** be closed with a finding of **Sustained**. On 20 November 2008, Officer Panek, while on duty, accessed information through the Chicago Police Department's information systems without authorization or for appropriate use. Officer Panek explained due to the numerous concerns regarding suspicious foot traffic into the [REDACTED] home, she admittedly utilized a department database to acquire [REDACTED] information. This, according to Officer Panek, was done out of a law enforcement concern and not for her own personal gain. However, Officer Panek admitted despite her concerns, she was not assigned or authorized in any way to conduct any investigation into the activities of her next door neighbor, [REDACTED]. Access to [REDACTED] information was restricted to official police business and despite Officer Panek's explanation, she did not have the authority to access her neighbor's information. Access of information for personal or other reasons is strictly prohibited by the Chicago Police Department.

FINDINGS:**Allegations #1-9: Not Sustained**

Allegation #10: **Sustained** – Violation of Rule 4, “Any conduct or action taken to use the official position for personal gain or influence,” in that, on 20 November 2008, Officer Panek accessed a Department database to access [REDACTED] [REDACTED] personal information, in violation of G.O. 09.01.01,Vl.A2, which states that, “Any member who accesses information through the Department’s computerized information systems is accountable for the appropriate use and disposal of the information. Access to information is restricted to official police business. Access of information for personal or other reasons is strictly prohibited.”


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